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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of <u>2</u> sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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International patent classification (IPC)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages 1 - 9 received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- the claims:

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- the drawings:

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- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-5</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a method for the feed of a mixture of cellulose chips and fluid from a low-pressure system to a high-pressure system. Pressurised liquor normally withdrawn from the digester or the impregnating vessel and passed to the recovery system, i.e. black liquor, is used for transporting the chips out of the high-pressure feeder. The object of the invention is to offer a method that reduces the amount of electric energy required for pumping the suspension of chips to the high-pressure system.

Amended claims have been filed with the letter of 10 January 2006. Claim 1 is now limited to the passing of the previously pressurised liquor withdrawn from the high-pressure feeder directly to the recovery system.

Of the documents cited in the International Search Report the most relevant are:

- D1. WO 03062525
 D2. US 3802956

The claimed invention defined in amended claim 1 differs from these documents in that the previously pressurised liquor withdrawn from the high-pressure feeder is passed directly to the recovery system.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person

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skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-5 is novel and
is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is
industrially applicable.

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

The embodiment in figure 4 goes beyond the scope of the invention in amended claim 1.